

APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING STREAMS OF TOBACCO  
PARTICLES AND THE LIKE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1           An elongated channel for the assembly of  
2 successive increments of a continuous tobacco stream and  
3 for lengthwise transport of the tobacco stream in a  
4 cigarette making machine is composed of a foraminous belt  
5 having a lower reach overlying the channel and located  
6 beneath a suction chamber, and of two additional belts  
7 having recessed surfaces which flank the channel. Those  
8 tobacco particles which enter the recesses in the  
9 surfaces of the additional belts form part of densified  
10 sections of rod-like fillers of discrete cigarettes and  
11 the recesses further serve to receive the teeth of one  
12 or more driven pulleys which are employed to move the  
13 additional belts lengthwise.